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Dr. Dixon.

Dr. Moffett. ✓

Dr. Young.

Dr. Wilson.

Mr. McAfee.

Mr. Shriver.

In order that no misunderstanding may arise, I desire to call your attention to the fact that no "Specials" outside of the budget of the Board may be solicited until the needs of the budget have been met. It is imperative that we adhere to this decision as we have already expanded our budget to the limit.

May I also request that I be advised of suggestions to be made to churches or institutions prior to the time a suggestion is made. The reason for this request is that I am correspondence with a large number of churches upon this matter and do not desire to embarrass you or be embarrassed by a conflict of suggestions. I am sure all interested will accept this in the spirit meant and will be glad to cooperate in a way that must be of direct benefit to the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

W R Peet

May 9, 1917.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
702 Cushman Street,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple,

Dr. Dixon has asked me to answer your letter of April 8th, and therefore I take it up immediately.

I am glad that you reached Alaska safely and comfortably, and are busy and usefully at work. Am glad also that the attendance has been so good. I am sure there will continue to be a good attendance, although it may not keep up to the present standard. But there are many good Christian people in Fairbanks, and many who, I think, are receptive to the truth and to such work as you will give them.

I have a good deal of faith in the permanence of Fairbanks. It is so beautifully situated, has so many mines of different kinds, and so much farming land adjacent to it, that I cannot think it will ever go down much below its present size. I believe that you will ultimately have to have an addition to the church. Whether Fairbanks will ever have another boom is as yet an unsolved problem. I very much hope that you will be able to ^{open} up the Creek preaching places again. The first year of my stay in Fairbanks (1904-5) I started regular preaching on Fairbanks Creek, Cleary Creek, Golden City and Gilmore. When Mr. Frank went up to the creeks he added to these one at Chatanika at the mouth of the Cleary; afterwards Dome Creek was added as a preaching place. I used to go to these places once every two weeks; always found an audience, and had some very pleasant and profitable experiences - the collections paid the expenses of the trip. When Dr. Condit was there, he kept up preaching services at two or three

of these places, and added Ester Creek. There were interesting Sunday Schools at several of these places manned by the Christian people that we found there.

Of course I do not know of present conditions at these various places but I am convinced that you can find at least two or three places where it would be profitable to hold services every two or three weeks. As to supplies - you could take those out from time to time when you held the services.

Now as to the Ford car. The Board meets tomorrow, and the important matter of the reorganization of the Board is before it. It seems very probable at this time that the one secretary plan will be reverted to, with assistant secretaries in the various departments. I am trying to get Alaska elevated to a regular department, with assistant secretary who will have all the correspondence with Alaska missions and missionaries to carry on, the budget to make up with the assistance of the chairmen of the Home Mission Committees of the two presbyteries; the men to select and get commissioned, and the money to raise for all special things. Dr. Dixon has resigned, and the other secretaries will resign if the one secretary plan is carried out. When the head is chosen, he will have a good deal to say in the organization of the Board. It seems probable at this time that this plan will be carried out, and that I shall be assistant secretary for Alaska. If that change is made, then I can move with authority, and can perfect plans for getting the money needed for specials. At present none of us can do anything in this matter. I shall keep the matter of the Ford car on file, and let you know later what can be done. In order to put this matter through, will you kindly send me a full report on that subject, the different preaching places you wish to supply, the condition of the roads - whether a Ford could reach these points, etc., etc.

I would be glad to know also whether the Alaska Mines Railroad Co. is running trains, and whether it will continue to run these trains during the winter time. If this would open the gospel to a thousand people, I think I can

make such an appeal as will bring the money without much difficulty. It will be easy also if you reopen these services at these places, and open new ones, to get you the folding organ and a supply of Bibles and other supplies. Then if your young people are sufficiently consecrated and willing, they could hold meetings when you were unable to reach the preaching places.

As to fellowship with the M. E. Church members, just as soon as we return from the General Assembly, I shall endeavor to have this matter taken up again by the Methodist Board - I mean the general matter of comity between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The Methodist Church at Fairbanks ought never to have been organized in the first place, and I think the church at large recognizes this fact. I believe that the church ^{ch} could be closed, and as it is quite a good property and in a central location, it might be sold for some good purpose such as a town-hall, or in connection with the court house, which is close by. This matter will be taken up as soon as the Board is settled into working order for the next year.

Your idea about the permanent furnishing of a manse is a good one. What is the condition of the furniture in the manse at Fairbanks at present?

About the Sunday School supplies left over each quarter, I have phoned to our Presbyterian Book Rooms in this building, and they tell me I shall have to take that matter up directly with the Board at Philadelphia, also the matter of hymn-books. I shall let you know their answer.

Will you kindly ask the officers of the A. B. Camp at Fairbanks whether they received my autographed gift of my new book, "The Klondike Clan?" I sent one to the Fairbanks Camp of which I am a life member. If they have received it tell them I would like a letter from the Camp in acknowledgment of it and an estimate of the book by the old-timers who have read it.

My daughter and her children join me in warm regards, and the little girls often speak of you and your pleasant visit at our house. Give my warm re-

gards to the Fairbanks friends, and let me know how else I can help you.

This letter is written at the request of Dr. Dixon, and to relieve him a little from the press of work.

Very cordially -

W.H. Young

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May 11, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Young,

In reply to your letter of May 9th addressed to Dr. Henry, I wish to say, that we would be able to send a limited supply of quarterlies and other mission material for the past year, but we do not have very many of them on hand, and therefore we are not able to fill any very large orders. However, we are willing to supply them to the Alaska workers as far as they will go. I think the best plan would be for you to send in your orders, and we shall fill them as far as our stock permits.

With reference to hymnals, I would say that we shall be glad to make a grant of one half the cost of new copies of any of our hymnals. We can send some second hand copies of the 1895 edition of the Church Hymnal, free of charge, if you would provide for the payment of the transportation charges.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Somerndike.

May 12, 1917.

Hon. James Wickersham,
House Office 167,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge,

On account of the press of duties here, and my own ill health, I have been unable to get to Washington this week, and cannot make that visit now until after my return from the General Assembly which meets at Dallas, Texas, Thursday of next week and remains in session for ten days. I am to lecture daily for home missions during the session, and therefore shall be absent from home till the last of the month.

I wish to ask you whether Captain Kleinschmidt, my son-in-law has been to your office, and whether he has made any charges against my daughter? In explanation of this question I can only state now that the Captain has been developing gradually for the last ten years traits very much like those of his fellow Prussian, the Kaiser, and the War Office at Germany. He has been circulating very false and malicious slanders about my daughter which have no shadow of foundation in fact, and is desperately trying to make out a case against her apparently with the object of getting out of the payment of anything for the support of her and her children. His course has been brutal and dastardly in the extreme. He is going hither and thither trying to find evidence and I suspect that he would visit Mrs. Jeffreys, the wife of your secretary - the former Mrs. Bernardi. I shall take it as a great kindness if you will tell me what you know in this matter.

I have received a letter from Governor Strong accepting my offer to do what I can to secure his reappointment, and have written Secretary Lane

a letter of which I enclose a copy. When I come home from Texas I shall be glad to make a trip down to Washington if I can be of any use to you or the Governor, and also can collect some facts from your library for my new book.

I have not yet received the news of the last days of the Alaska legislature and do not know whether the bill for the establishing of the Agricultural School at Fairbanks was finally passed. I shall be glad to hear from you what you know about that and whether there will be any good chance of my deliverance from my present bondage in New York City, and my promotion to the free, fine life of Alaska.

With warm regards, I am, as ever

Your friend,

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JAMES WICKERSHAM
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1917.

Dr. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of May 12th. I have not seen Capt. Kleinschmidt for two or three years and he never said anything to me or Mrs. Wickersham about the matter you mention. I have just asked Mr. Jeffery and he seems not to have heard anything about it either. If I was in Capt. Kleinschmidt's shoes I should be very very quiet about making any sort of statement just at this time. We have heard nothing along the line you mention against your daughter and I do not think he would say anything about it to any of our crowd in Washington for he knows how friendly we are to you. I have not heard anything from any source but if I do I will notify you.

I have noticed what you are doing with relation to the re-appointment of Governor Strong and I heartily approve of it. Unfortunately I am not in a position where I can do anything although I did go and have a strong talk with Secretary Lane in support of his re-appointment. Judge Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Territories did the same and I think he received some very satisfactory assurances with respect to his re-appointment.

I do not know what the Legislature of Alaska did with regard to the passage of the bill for the establishment of the Agricultural College and School of Mines at Fairbanks, though I have seen accounts in the paper that the bill had passed at least one House of the Legislature. Whether it was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor or not I do not know.

I shall be glad to see you any time you come down this way although I expect to start west in about two weeks.

Very truly yours,

James Wickersham

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May 19, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Young:-

As frequently happens, when one makes an obligation for the future, it falls due at a most inconvenient time. That happens to be the case with me just now. I have been expecting ever since I received your letter of the 23rd to be able to send you my check for \$50.00, but up to the present time it has not been convenient. If you will advise me the very latest date when this can be sent and be of use to you, I will manage some way to send it to you.

I have recently had the pleasure of reading your book "Alaska Days with John Muir", and found it to be a most interesting narrative. It gave me a better idea of Alaska than I had obtained from other sources.

Mrs. Owen joins me in sending our very best wishes for your future.

Yours very truly,

Wilber Owen

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May 31, 1917.

Wilber Owen, Esq.,
922-26 The Nicholas,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Owen,

I acknowledge with many thanks
the receipt of \$50.00 from you for our church at Point
Barrow, Alaska. Your first letter concerning it arriv-
ed at the office while I was away in attendance on the
General Assembly at Dallas, Texas, so that this is an
answer to the two together.

With regards to Mrs. Owen and yourself, and with
a prayer that God will bless you in these gifts for His
cause, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

June 1, 1917.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.,
Coe College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Dr. Marquis,

I have just returned to my office, having spent Sunday and Monday in a missionary convention at Wichita, Kansas.

I am forwarding to you a carbon copy of the memorandum which I submitted to the Board, and of which I spoke to you. Also a copy of my letter to Dr. Coffin and of his reply.

We are all praying here that you may decide to accept the office tendered you by the Home Mission Board, and we are fully satisfied that the progress and efficiency of the Home Mission cause for the next year is largely dependent upon your acceptance of the office, and the reorganization of the forces of the Board under your direction. I am personally very much interested in your decision. I feel that if you should take hold of the General Secretaryship, and should adopt my recommendation in regard to the Alaska office of the Board, I could do far more for Alaska than ever before.

At present, several matters very important to the work of our church in Alaska are hung up awaiting your decision, and the next meeting of the Board. Four very important fields, one of them quite new, ought to be manned this summer, as ^{they are} it is lying fallow and as is always the case in vacancies in such a region, the work is deteriorating with every week of delay. A number of applicants for missionary work in Alaska are anxiously awaiting the action of the Board. I myself, am in suspense, not knowing just what I am to be allowed to do to meet Alaska's needs; In fact we are all in a state of suspense.

Now would it be asking too much of you, in case you decide to take the

General Secretaryship, to indicate your wishes to the Board in regard to the Alaska Department? I ought to be working in to my new position if I am to occupy it, to get and fit up my office and to begin such a campaign among the churches as shall secure the needed support for the future. I made some progress the last few months towards getting the Alaska missionaries adopted by special churches, particularly in Ohio. Our Financial Secretary, and the Secretaries, are anxious to have this completed during the coming year. I also am desirous of having the finances of our Alaska missions put upon a secure and permanent basis. A little progress was made last year in securing agreements between the different evangelical denominations operating in Alaska, which would prevent the duplication of small churches in small fields. The Presbyterian church, which has always had the leading position of all denominations in Alaska, has been considerably annoyed by other denominations, particularly the Methodists coming in and dividing the churches the Presbyterians had ~~occupied~~ ^{for founded}. I believe if a good conference could be secured between the representatives of the different Boards of these churches, it would not be difficult to secure a complete agreement for comity which would prevent the overlapping of these denominations and their work. With Mr. McAfee, I believe that Alaska could be made a great object lesson in this regard, and that one evangelical church of Alaska is not a dream impossible of fulfillment.

Alaska produced in mineral wealth in 1916 fifty-two million dollars, as compared with thirty-two million dollars in 1915. The total exports from Alaska during 1916, including fish products, as well as mineral, farm products, &c. were nearly eighty million, as compared with fifty-five million in 1915. This will show how Alaska is coming to the front, and how great will be the need of its evangelization in the immediate future. We are overwhelmed with demands from the people for ministers, schools, hospitals, equipment, etc.

I have heard nothing from the Agricultural College and School of Mines of Alaska, but hope to hear in a few days, as the Governor of Alaska is probably

in Washington city now. I have written him. However, I do not know just the status of that College, and whether the office of President will be tendered me. In case it is, I do not think that the work will materialize for at least another year. Nor do I know whether I shall accept the position if it is tendered.

Hoping for a speedy reply, and with prayers for God's blessing upon you, and upon all our work, I am

Faithfully yours,

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1917.

Dear Mr. Young:

Secretary Lane has received your letter of May 12th in behalf of Hon. J. F. A. Strong for reappointment as Governor of Alaska, and in reply wishes me to say that it has been retained on file for consideration when the question of filling this place is taken up.

Cordially yours,

Jos. Cotter
Private Secretary.

Rev. S. Hall Young,
c/o Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

June 4, 1917.

Honorable James Wickersham,
House Office 167,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge,

I have just returned from the meeting of our General Assembly at Dallas, Texas. Your letter of May 15th arrived during my absence. I note that you say you expected to start west in about two weeks. I am drawing this bow at a venture, and it may have to follow you to Alaska. However, from the interesting debates that are going on in Congress I rather think you will still be there.

A letter just received from Governor Strong reports that he is still hung up at Juneau awaiting advices from the Secretary of the Interior. It appears that the Ponehue-Troy-Jennings gang have shifted to Riggs for Governor, and are pushing him for Strong's place. A letter also came from Dr. Condit, our General Missionary at Juneau, which says that Riggs is also a Catholic, and that the whole gang are anti-prohibition and are trying to defeat or evade the prohibition laws of Alaska. Of course it is essential to the success of their schemes to get you and Governor Strong both out of the way. I wish you would tell me just what more I can do to help defeat the schemes of this disreputable gang.

I am enclosing to you a copy of the letter which I received from Dan Sutherland, also a copy of one he wrote to Governor Strong about my appointment as President of the Alaska College. Of course I am anxious to get that position if it measures up in opportunity and future prospects with what we hope to attain. Tell me what you know about it.

I shall be free to go down to Washington almost any time now if I can be of use. I shall also expect a visit from you and Mrs. Wickersham if you come to New York.

Yours for a clean, sober and progressive Alaska,

6/7/17.....G.

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Extract of letter Dr. W. R. Patterson, Ashland, Kentucky,
Dated June 4th & rec'd June 7, 1917.

"I expect to be back about June 15th and want to plan
for the year. I wish you would ask Dr. Wilson and Dr. Young to be
ready with plans for their part in producing funds - I would like to
assign each man in some way so he could get out and get busy.

Much of my work ought to be to push synods and pastors
as we are now doing."

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R. I. Long Branch, N. J.

June 9, 1917.

My dear Dr. Young,

Today I read over
a manuscript written by Miss
Alice N. Currier to be published
under the name of Under the Northern
Eight and to be used by the
Ministery Study Classes of the Methodist
Denomination. It is most
interesting. She has taken
her material from books and
pamphlets published by the

Annual Board. I feel she
has given undue emphasis to
the work of the Episcopal Church
at the expense of our own
Protestant and that of the
Methodists. I could not say
this to her because of a lack
of first hand information
which I am sure you
have. I understand she
will ask you to read it over
before publishing it and then
if my impression is right

you will know it and may
help to correct it.

May I ask that you say nothing
to her about this communication?

Yours in the interest of the Work

Miss. S. R. Sprague:

June 11, 1917.

Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Four years ago, I urged the reappointment of Major J. F. A. Strong, as Governor of Alaska. I now, again, urge the reappointment of Governor Strong for a new term.

My work has been in Alaska almost continuously for forty years, and I have known all the Governors' of the territory, and most of the other officials. I have no hesitation in saying that Governor Strong has been the most satisfactory Governor that Alaska has had. His wide knowledge of the affairs of the territory, his fearless justice, and his literary ability have commended him to the people of the territory, and to all who have had its best interests at heart. I know those who are opposing his reappointment, and am confident that they do not represent the best people of Alaska. I believe that ninety percent of the citizens of the territory, without regard to Party affiliation, but including a great majority of the Democratic Party there, desire to see Governor Strong continued in office for another term. I have known him intimately for twenty years, and know only good of him.

Respectfully,

Alaska Office of the
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

June 12, 1917.

Mrs. S. R. Spriggs,

R. I., Long Branch, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Spriggs,

Yours of the 9th instant is just at hand, and I was very glad indeed to hear from you.

My daughter, Mrs. Kleinschmidt, with her children and myself, expect to move again to our cottage at Batten Road, Fair Haven, New Jersey, on Friday of this week. I hope we will be able to meet and visit one another the sunning summer. Infantile paralysis interfered last year.

I am much interested in your report of the coming volume by Miss Guernsey, and shall be very glad indeed to review the manuscript and make any suggestions that may occur to me. If she has given undue emphasis to the work of the Episcopal Church, it is not the first time this has occurred.

I have long thought that there ought to be a book published detailing your life at Point Barrow. I do not know any work that would possess more of human interest than just the narrative well told of your daily life and work during all the years in which you lived at that northern mission. There is no one more fitted to put those experiences in permanent form than yourself. This work of Miss Guernsey would not in any way cross the lines of such a work as I am suggesting, and I believe that it would be a

success and meet with a large sale, if you would undertake something on the line of Jean McKenzie's splendid book on her African work - "Black Sheep." That was one of the best sellers at the General Assembly at Dallas, and yet it is just the simple narrative, told in a very interesting way by a mistress of the English language. Could you not do something along the same line? I hope that Miss Guernsey will submit her manuscript to me, because I am anxious that our missionaries and our missions should have full credit in such a work. I was asked two years ago to prepare a work of that kind for Mission Study Classes but had my hands too full with other literary work and the regular work of my office, to undertake it.

I would like very much to hear from you again, and I hope that we and our families can get together this summer.

With warm regards to yourself and Mr. Springs, I am

Very cordially yours,

June 12, 1917.

Memorandum to Dr. W. R. Patterson.

Suggested outline of plans for raising funds for Alaska work.

Inasmuch as on October 1st there will probably be a readjustment of the Alaska office, and my status before the Board will be changed, this suggested outline is only until October 1st.

1st. I would suggest that I prepare letters to the Pastors of the principal churches in Ohio, and if the response is not sufficient from that state, prepare letters also to Pastors of large churches in one or two other states, looking towards the adoption of the Alaska missionaries and missions by the churches, and their support guaranteed. This will take much office work for the next two months.

2nd. It has been decided by the Secretaries of the Board, that I should raise as a special fund, money sufficient to erect and support a mission at Nenana, in the interior of Alaska, and to reorganize and support our mission at Ruby. This will require a special fund of at least \$5000.00. In addition to this, there are certain specials including the finishing of a boat at Kake, for which the Alaska Presbytery has asked \$1200.00; a dog-team or motor-sled at Point Barrow - estimate \$500.00; and certain other smaller sums needed for special supplies. This will require for the coming year at least \$7000.00 which ought to be raised as the \$10,000 fund was raised two years ago, principally by individual subscription outside of the regular budget of the Board. Dr. Dixon thinks that I ought to begin on this immediately.

3rd. Until October 1st I would like to be placed by your office in

churches where I can get hold of money for the general work of the Board in Alaska, and for this special work. On account of my health, however, and the need of prosecuting this campaign for the support of the Alaska missionaries from the office, I should not make many extended and consecutive itineraries. The Sundays should all be filled with good appointments except during vacation time. Itineraries were arranged for in the spring in Michigan, Tennessee, and northern N.Y. State, but deferred on account of my ill-health. I would prefer to leave it to your judgment whether these dates ought to be re-opened in the early fall. I would like to be protected from the multitude of small churches that are constantly applying for lectures.

I am working upon the booklet on Alaska, for which you asked, and am ready to complete it after a consultation with you regarding certain details.

Dr. Young

Suggestions for Representatives
of the
Board of Home Missions
at
Synodical Meetings

The Board wishes to be very definite upon the following points:

1. That the Synods shall know the financial status of the Board of Home Missions and recognize the imperative need of funds for its work.
2. That the Synod take definite action to aid in raising the sum of \$1,500,000 as directed by the General Assembly. The following resolution is suggested:

Resolved - that the Synod of.....hereby authorize the raising the sum of \$.....as its proportion of the \$1,500,000 directed by the General Assembly to be raised for the work of the Board of Home Missions; and be it further

Resolved - that the Synodical Committee be directed to apportion this sum to the several Presbyteries and churches, and to cooperate with the Financial Secretary of the Board of Home Missions or other representatives of the Board in the preparation of plans necessary to assure the raising of this amount.

Kentucky is committed to more than double its contribution of last year. Dr. Cole is quite correct. Think it over well before acting. I think you may safely follow his advice.

With Rev T. P. Adcock
Yours sincerely
W. R. Patterson

July 13, 1917.

Dr. Henry W. Elliott,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Elliott,

I am rather late in acknowledging your very kindly and appreciative review of my book, "The Klondike Clan." It is one of the best and most helpful reviews that I have received. If you have personally no copies of my two books "Alaska Days with John Muir" and "The Klondike Clan" I shall very gladly send you autograph copies of the two volumes.

I am writing another story which will be entitled "The Anvil of the North," a story of the Nome stampede of 1899-1900. It will be the second of a trilogy on the three great stampedes of the northwest - the third will have to do with the Tanana stampede. As some of my characters will be wrecked on St. George Island, I wonder if you cannot put me in the way of getting some of your reports about the the Iribyloff Islands, such as contain the descriptions of the country and of the life and conditions there during the winter. As you know from my books, I am trying to write as graphically and accurately as possible of those regions touched upon in my books, and I know of no one who can begin to give the "local color" I desire as well as yourself.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alaska Office, of the
Board of Home Missions.

Lassie and her children are living with me at Fair Haven, N.J. in the cottage by the sea. We will take a house for the winter probably in one of the Oranges.

With warm love to you both, I am

Very cordially,

Dictated but not signed.

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First Presbyterian Church

Skagway, Alaska

Alaska Presbytery

L. H. PEDERSEN
MINISTER

June 20, 1917.

Dear Fellow-worker in Alaska:

Following a Sunday-morning service last July an elderly woman of means, a tourist, said: "I have contributed for years to the work of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska, but now I'm through; I haven't seen a single Presbyterian Church or Mission while in Alaska." Enquiry revealed she was sick when her boat was at Wrangell, she reached Juneau at midnight, and her boat did not stop at Haines or Sitka. She was typical of that class of visitors which judges the whole of Alaska by what they personally see. WAS SHE FAIR?

At that time this Church was under Methodist Episcopal supervision. The Presbyterians resumed the work here last October 1st, and are now using, by comity arrangement, the Methodist Church building, it being larger and more modern. This therefore leaves the old Presbyterian building, which is centrally located in the down-town district, free to be turned into a Missionary museum, reading and correspondence room for tourists, a pictorial display place, etc. To that end we are having the building renovated, making it into an attractive place. There are from 5,000 to 7,500 tourists from the states visiting Skagway every year, and a very considerable portion are individuals deeply interested in religious work.

At the last annual meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska, this year, the endeavor to establish such Museum and Publicity Bureau in Skagway was endorsed by the Presbytery.

We request every Presbyterian Church, Mission, School, Hospital and other method of Christian work in Alaska, to co-operate by sending us clear and reasonably large photographs of the work, the workers, buildings, products, samples of handiwork and printed descriptive matter, as well as agricultural products. The pictures will be displayed on the walls in panels, and the handiwork in the room, the work of one place being in a group by itself.

In addition to advertising the work of the Presbyterian Church, we invite every Protestant Evangelical Church in Alaska to send similar information, which will be given equal display.

Will you co-operate? Will you do so as soon as possible? Please let us know at once what we may expect from you. And we shall be pleased to write you further as requested.

Yours, for Church publicity,

L. H. PEDERSEN.

June 25, 1917.

Miss Susan Mendenhall,
Missionary Education Movement,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Miss Mendenhall,

Doctor Moffett has asked me to revise the list of books and pamphlets for reference on Alaska, and I am sending the following list of books, most of them being late publications and up-to-date. The list as given only comprehends books published some time ago.

In addition to this list, you would find it helpful to refer the readers to the June numbers of the Assembly Herald and Home Mission Monthly, published by the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the last three or four years. Also to the annual reports of the Governor of Alaska and the School Report of the Superintendent of Education for Alaska for the last few years, and "Facts about Alaska" published by the Interior Department, Washington, D.C.

Stewart: "The Life of Sheldon Jackson."
... ? "The Alaska Pathfinders for Juniors."
J. Livingston Jones: "The Thlingets of Alaska." Revell.
Underwood: "Alaska, An Empire in the Making."
Frank R. Carpenter: Book on Alaska.
Young:) "Alaska Days with John Muir"
) "The Klondike Clan."
.... ? "A Woman in Alaska."
Stuck: "10,000 miles with a Dog-sled."
Guernsey ? Book for mission study classes

Very sincerely yours,

S. Hall (W.M.F.)

June 26, 1917.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
702 Cushman Street,
Fairbanks Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple,

I have not yet received a reply from you to my letter of May 9th asking supplies of literature, folding organ, Ford car, etc.

We are cutting so close on all specials that I cannot act until I hear from you. I thought I had forwarded to you a copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Somerndike in regard to one I wrote to Dr. Henry of the Presbyterian Board of Publication about supplies for you. But I cannot find such a letter of mine, and therefore I send you now a copy of that letter. There will still be time to hear from you before the winter freeze-up.

Dr. Forbes, who is Superintendent of Sunday School work for Alaska, will doubtless visit you this summer, and he will be the one from whom to order all such supplies. You can show him this copy of Mr. Somerndike's letter.

As to Bibles, you can confer with him and with Dr. Condit. I am under the impression that Dr. Condit has a supply of Bibles, some of which he would doubtless send in to you.

We will not move in the matter of portable organ and Ford car until I hear from you again. I hardly think that you can hope for a car this coming season. Get your plans completed for your winter's campaign at these branch places, and let us know definitely what they are, and then I can move in the matter of specials as far as I am permitted.

Dr. Marquis, who as you know has been elected General Secretary of the Board, has not as yet signified his intention in the matter, and we are still "up in the air." The present arrangement is to continue at all events until

October 1st. There will then be some sort of a reorganization of the Board, and doubtless I shall have a freer hand than at present in the matter of soliciting funds for Alaska.

It is just possible that I may be with you at Fairbanks before very long. This items is of course to be kept to yourself for the present, but I have been recommended by members of the Alaska legislature - both House and Senate - as President of your new College. I expect to see Governor Strong in a few days. He is now at Washington looking after his reappointment, and we have all been doing what we could to help him. The Democratic Catholic ring has been trying to oust him, but matters look very favorable to his reappointment. If he is reappointed, I shall stand a good chance of getting elected by the College Board as President. Whether conditions will be such as to enable me to accept it is another question. If Judge Wickersham is at Fairbanks now, he can give you information on that matter more than any other man. You can safely make Judge Wickersham your confidant. I have been doing what I can both for him and Governor Strong. I am satisfied that Judge Wickersham was elected by a majority of the people of Alaska, as delegate to Congress, and I most earnestly hope that he will succeed in getting his rights.

Lassie and the children, and I, are living now at Fair Haven in the cottage which we occupied last summer, and are much enjoying the canoeing and bathing. The twins have their tenth birthday on Friday of this week, June 29th, and are making great preparations for it.

Give my warm regards to Mrs. Marple and to my friends in Fairbanks. I had many a long and satisfactory conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce at Dallas. Mr. Bruce is doing a splendid work at Juneau and was transferred by the Assembly to the Presbytery of Alaska. Please write me soon and often.

Very cordially yours,

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COE COLLEGE

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

June 26, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
156 5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Young:

I was in New York last week and tried to see you but was not able. I wanted to talk over the Alaska situation. The chief thing I wanted to say, however, was that inasmuch as I have not yet decided to accept the call to the Home Board it would be unbecoming at this stage for me to express any opinion about its management. You know, however, my fondness for you and my faith in your judgment.

Very hastily but truly yours,

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John A. Marquis

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June 27, 1917.

Rev. Robert E. Pugh,
541 Commercial Building,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Pugh,

I am working on your slides, and hope
to send them to you before long.

By this time you have had an interview with Dr. Wilson in regard to our campaign in Ohio. I am not writing to you about this just now, but am asking you what you think of the propriety of my writing letters to those churches with which I discussed their taking up certain Alaska missionaries as their special work. I feel that this sort of follow-up is necessary if we are to get any results in that line, but I do not feel like writing to them without first consulting you. There were a number of these churches that were interested in the proposition, and I might be able to group them together and assign missionaries to them in case they could not take the whole support of an Alaska missionary. Please tell me what you think I ought to do.

With love to Mrs. Pugh and Robert, I am

As ever your friend,

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June 28, 1917.

Samuel Hall Young, Esq.,
Home Mission Board,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Young:-

Referring to your subscription for one \$50.

UNITED STATES LIBERTY LOAN $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ bond: I find that owing to the great confusion and expense entailed, it will be necessary that I subscribe to this bond on the installment plan, as outlined in the letter which was sent to you by Messrs. Brown Brothers & Company. I have, therefore, paid them today \$7.00, being today's installment, and shall pay them \$10.00 on July 30th, \$15.00 on August 15th and \$15.25 on August 30th. In this connection, I suggest that you deposit your \$1.00 a week with ^{Miss Bennett} ~~Mr. Guernsey~~ of the Foreign Board, who will send me a check on the first of each month for the amount you have paid him. As you can readily see, if I should try to collect \$1.00 a week from you, it would take fifty weeks to complete the transaction, which would mean \$1.00 in postage for myself and \$1.00 in postage for you. As the amount of interest on the bonds amounts to \$1.75, it would be a loss to the subscriber and to Messrs. Brown Brothers & Company on all these small subscriptions.

Therefore, I have taken the matter up with the Foreign Board and the Church Erection, who are now financing all the members of that Board. ^{Miss Bennett} ~~Mr.~~ Guernsey can make your check payable either to Brown Brothers & Company or to me.

I am enclosing this letter to Mr. Black, as I do not know what Department you are in.

I remain

Very truly yours,

W H Young

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Columbus, Ohio, Juhe 29, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
156-5th Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Young:

Yours of the 27th is at hand. We are not impatient about the slides, knowing that they will come in due time.

Dr. Wilson and I had a couple of hours together in Cincinnati last Saturday. We went over the proposition of Ohio Home Mission activities as fully as the time would permit. I have not heard from him since his interview with the Cincinnati brethren, but will no doubt have a report soon. Without going into the details of our discussion, my conclusions expressed to him were, that the Synodical Committee on Home Missions would have no objection to the program which you proposed for Alaska and which he is now urging for the Cumberland Mountain Presbytery. We certainly want Ohio developed to the limit and will welcome any activity from any source which will follow out a consistent plan. The central idea in this plan is the loyal support of the work initiated by the Synod. All of our Presbyteries are co-operating along this line, but it has been a long task to bring them to this point. With our two hundred Home Mission churches all of them with fewer than one hundred members and with our increasing city responsibility it would be manifestly unwise to embark on a program which would dis-organize the present plan. If we can develop it, that will be quite a different matter. I further suggested to Dr. Wilson that since you have made the first proposition, I would not be willing to have the Synod of Ohio endorse the Cumberland Mountain Presbytery as the special for the state, but would be willing to have it made as a special. I feel this same way about the work in Alaska. The entire Synod might not be interested in raising a special for Dr. Wilson's work, neither might they all be interested in a special for Alaska, but those who would not favor one, would unquestionably be interested in the other. Moreover, I feel that if either one of your should undertake the entire Synod, it would be a scattering activity and the best results for all concerned will be obtained by dividing the Synod and having each of you put a special emphasis on certain Presbyteries by a personal touch well followed up.

Isolated churches in your district might prefer the Country Life work and vice versa. Since Dr. Wilson has found certain Cincinnati churches already interested, I propose that he should concentrate on churches in the south-western Ohio in the Presbyteries of Cincinnati, Dayton, Portsmouth and Chillicothe. He might also take Athens and if further division was desirable, I would suggest Zanesville, St. Clairsville and Columbus. This would leave the northern half of the state to be worked for the Alaska special and would include Presbyteries of Marion, Lima, Maumee, Huron, Wooster, Steubenville, Mahoning and Cleveland. Any of these Presbyteries which prefer a different assignment, may exercise their choice, of course. Dr. Wilson said that he had found the iron and steel sections rather less interested in his work than some other parts, but I feel sure that many of the capitalists of northern Ohio who are already interested thru their investments for Alaska mines for gold and coal, would be more ready to respond to your appeal.

In reply to your question, I see no objection to your writing the churches you visited last spring and try to clinch their interest in Alaska. You will understand that the above letter is only my personal opinion in the matter and before such a division in the Presbyteries can be made, it would be necessary for the Presbyteries themselves to agree that their churches may be pressed upon in this fashion. I am certain that it will also be expected by the Presbyteries and Synod that in all that may be said or done by the Board or any of its representatives, there shall not only be the understanding, but a specific statement that the specials are not expected to hinder in any way the payment by the churches of their full apportionment for Home Missions to the Presbyterial treasurer. If this seems to you a satisfactory way of undertaking the matter, I will be glad to help the Synodical Committee decide it in this fashion. I am writing in this same strain to Dr. Wilson and will be glad for an opinion from each of you.

Mrs. Pugh and Robert are both well and we hope that this same blessing is yours.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Pugh

REP/T

June 30, 1917.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.
Coe College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Marquis,

Yours of the 26th instant is at hand,
and I hasten to reply.

We are all on the "anxious-seat" here, and hoping
and praying that you will decide to accept the call to the
General Secretaryship of the Home Board.

I thank you for your expression of faith in my
judgment, and shall hold the matter of the reorganization of
the Alaska Office until your decision is made.

Very cordially yours,

July 5, 1917.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Brother;

Yours of June 14th is just at hand. I have shown it to Dr. Dixon and now hasten to reply.

Your letter was a fine bit of Alaska breeze and refreshed me. I think you have got the situation there remarkably well for the short time you have been in the interior of Alaska.

You did not say whether you had made trips out to the creeks, and done any preaching there. If you find it possible, I think I would not wait for the automobile, but institute occasional and regular preaching services to the most promising places on the creek.

The condition of things here now with the hundreds of demands for funds for Red Cross, Liberty Loan, Amazonian, Sabbs, Belgians, etc. etc. ^{is} are making the collecting of mission money very hard this year; in fact, we are holding off many pleas for the special fields of our Board until fall at least, feeling that the time is inopportune to launch such enterprises now. Your automobile will therefore have to wait. In time, when prices are lower, and the times better, I can take it up. For the coming year, however, you will have to trust to your moccasins, the Railroad, auto-stages, etc.

Your map called to memory many a trip I have made along all of those trails, and to all of the towns you designated. Some of the happiest experiences I had in Alaska were out on those creeks preaching at road-houses and cabins wherever I could gather the congregations. I always had ample funds to pay expenses from the collection.

I shall make an application for the free gift of old sets of Sunday School papers and lesson leaflets.

I have put your name in the list of persons to whom supplies of books, magazines, etc. are to be sent. We often have applications for the names of our ministers and of the Reading Rooms where such literature would be acceptable.

Dr. Dixon tells me that he wrote at once on receiving your former letter to Mr. Alexander Brownlee, Jr. telling him to ship your goods at once, and that he sent you a copy of the letter. I trust your goods have got to you before this.

I shall take your letter home with me and read it to the "Three Graces" and I am sure that they will be intensely interested in Genevieve. Perhaps they can send her some things that will be helpful to her.

Dr. Marquis, who was as you know, elected General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, has not yet given a definite answer whether he will accept, and we are in doubt and some perplexity about what is going to be in the future. In the meantime we are jogging along in the same old way.

Governor Strong of Alaska, who has been in Washington looking after his reappointment, came to visit me the other day and told me many things about Alaska. Among other things, he said that the College at Fairbanks would not be organized before next spring. Strintly inter nos, I will tell you that he said - if he got the reappointment, and could influence the College Board, of which he has the appointing, I would be the first President of that College. I am going to give myself no anxiety, or build up a "house of hopes" that might be knocked down, but I should very much rejoice to be able to go back to my be-loved Alaska and especially to Fairbanks, where I have spent some happy years. I would love to round out my term of service to Alaska by putting her University

on a good foundation. However, we will have to keep such plans to ourselves at present.

My daughter Lassie and her three children are at Fair Haven now near Red Bank, and we have a fine canoe called the "Honey Bunch" and are out paddling and bathing every day.

You will be glad to know that Rev. Robert J. Diven, D.D. formerly of Sitka and now of Albany, Oregon, has applied to be sent to Nenana. Dr. Dixon at once telegraphed to Dr. Condit urging his appointment, and that Condit go in this summer with him and get him started. So I am very much in hopes that you will have a companion, and I am sure you will find him a very choice man. We have not yet found a man for Ruby, but are ready to commission one as soon as we find him.

With very warm regards to Mrs. Marple and to my other Fairbanks friends, and prayers for God's blessing upon you all and your work, I am

Very cordially yours,

July 5, 1917.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D.D.
Third Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Dr. McEwan,

Just a line acknowledging yours of
June 30th.

I am not entirely well, but am improving. I shall not attempt any extended itineraries until fall. Under the direction of our Financial Secretary, there will be a number of us in the field next fall and winter for the purpose of doing what we can to raise the Home Mission funds needed for next year. There seems to be the feeling in the Board, that I am more of a persona grata to Western Pennsylvania than would be almost anybody else from the office, and it is likely that I shall confine my lecturing and visiting among the churches principally to western Penna. and northern Ohio. Therefore you may expect the letter you invite from me early in the fall. I shall take your hint, and not write to any of the parties in the Third Church until later.

I hope that you and Mrs. McEwan and the children will have a royal good time on the farm and get new vigor and strength for the year from this out-doors.

My daughter Alaska, and her children and I have a cottage at Fair Haven, N.J. right on the Shrewsbury Bay, and have a canoe in which we take a paddle every day. With warm regards to the whole McEwan family I am, as ever,

Your friend,

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Y Fairbanks, Alaska.

Rev. S. Idall Tracy, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York City.

My dear Dr. Tracy:-

just a line. Finally found that
Mr. Ray had a van full of left overs all
left of this branch A. B.

He had not received your book.
For which he was most regretful. He
promised to look it up, borrow it, get it,
and write you at his earliest convenience.

He remembered you in great
good feeling, spoke of the good times
together and was insistent I should
remember himself and "the others" to few
as writing.

Just had a letter from Mr. Tracy
in which he tells me of the social
talks over Alaskan interests while
at Fairbank Mission. - wish I could
have been included in the fellowship.

A Rev. Mr. Forbes, "Seattle,

July 10th.

is at Venane, representing the Sabbath School Board.

At his request we have sent him hymnbooks and supplies and the names of those who may help him from here.

He asks that I come but as yet I cannot see my way clear. Is there anything you care to advise in this connection?

In talking Ford car have heard one can be landed at Cordova for about \$400.00. If that is correct and there are any new men coming in at this time, their expense would lessen that by that much and save time. The Trail is perfectly good. Chitina would run in less than three days. As a second hand, used, car costs from \$250 up according to condition here, this seems worth thinking about. If Mrs. Maple and I could have done this, a new car here would have cost more what a used one would cost if built for that. And if two passengers could have been taken on at Chitina for Fairbanks we would have had a very reasonable car at this end.

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There may be a great many
"ifs" in that way of completing
the plan but it will bear
consideration -

I have questioned very many
times as to the status in New
York. There are, and must be,
troubling times a-coming. May we
not all know who will affect adversely,
that each may care in every direction
needed.

That we send you our best greeting
goes without the saying. Our prayers
also are always for you and yours.
May God keep us each and all till
the last thing we must do be fully
done.

Yours most sincerely,

Wallace Sutton Traper.

July 13, 1917.

Interior Department,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

As I am preparing pamphlets for the good of Alaska and the Presbyterian missions there, will you kindly send to me at once, the latest "Facts about Alaska", two or three copies of the last report of the Governor of Alaska, a school report with maps of the Road Commission and other good maps of Alaska.

I would also like to have the latest report of Geological and Geodetic Surveys, the Kotzebue Sound region including Kobuk, also the latest report of the Pribyoff Islands and fur seal industry.

I will gladly meet any amount required for postage, etc. I particularly desire the latest large road map.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Alaska Office, of the
Board of Home Missions.

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1917.

Reverend S. Hall Young,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a memorandum from the office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., under date of July 16, 1917, that you are desirous of obtaining information on the Pribyloff Islands and the fur seal industry. In reply I will say that as this bureau does not publish the above-mentioned information, this memorandum has been referred to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Faris

Acting Superintendent.

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17 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young,
Home Missions Board,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Sir:

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The inclosed circular, which is free, is sent to you in reply to your letter concerning maps.

Order only the maps whose names are printed in red on the index map in the quadrangles representing the areas covered. The quadrangles shown without names in red have been surveyed, but the maps have not yet been published. Surveys have not been completed for the remaining areas.

Maps of the standard size (16 1/2 x 20 inches) sell for 10 cents each if less than 50 are purchased. If 50 or more are supplied they are sold at 6 cents a copy. Larger maps are sold at the rates given in the circular.

Remit by money order payable to the Director of the United States Geological Survey. Please give full address, including city, county, and state.

Yours very truly,

H.C. Ringer

Chief Clerk.

I shall be glad to supply you with maps and will see that your order, when received, is given prompt attention.

Inclosure.

July 20, 1917.

Mr. H. C. Rizer, Chief Clerk,
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: *(Signature)*

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your favor of July 19th, enclosing circular with maps.

Will you kindly send me the below designated maps and reports? I understand by the addendum to your letter, that you propose to give me these free from the Department. If I am mistaken, I shall gladly remit the charges. They are to be used for Alaska and our mission cause there.

Very cordially yours, *(Signature)*

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Fairbanks Alaska.

July 24th, 1917.

Rev. S. Lowell Young, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Young:-

Letter and folders of June 26th received and answered.

Mine answering yours of May 9th no doubt at hand. Can only hope it brings the car.

Mr. Sorbes is at Nenana. He has bought a lot and now raises money to build a church. He wishes that I come and see him but as yet the way is not clear, he will come to Fairbanks before the freeze-up unless something interferes.

I will cover matter of supplies with him at that time. Also will follow your suggestion as to Bibles.

Glad news about yourself. Will Mrs. Kleinmuntz and our Greece come too? How pleasant that would be. God grant it.

Please help the Governor all you can and that will be much I well know. Our best people want only him. Others dwarf in comparison. One of the few men

holding office in Alaska bigger than his position" said a Republican of note to me not long since.

I have not met Judge Wickesham as yet, but will consider it an honor to know him if I meet that opportunity.

Will take up matter of your books with Alder. They should be in good condition and with notes. Thank you for the interest.

Coming in last evening, the air was quite cold, Mrs. Marple said "I am so glad Mr. Young spoke of getting fur coats." "I could use one right now." And that brings to my mind this all important matter. Would you kindly take this matter under advisement again? More than sorry to lay so many claims upon you, yet realize more and more ones entire inability to manage so many things needed while so far away. And more and more the help and care so satisfactory of having an interested representative in touch with things and people at the home end.

May God bless you and prosper you mightily in your care of Alaska's interests, is among the many good wishes sent from Mrs. Marple and myself to you and your loved ones.

Most respectfully yours, Wallace S. Marple

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Charles H. Tracy -
July 20. 1917

Dr. S. Hall Tracy.

Dear Dr. Tracy:

I notice your request
for reading matter, in a recent
number of the Continents.

I have quite a number of
American Arch. Survey - books
chiefly gives States - which I
would be glad to send you -
if you could use them -
also files of "American Arch." etc.
Kindly inform me of best
route to use, and send
names of places to send them.

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such, board, or by force, Job. 31.

Do you have any use for
fratty Ymas cords (used) or
fork cords? We have quite
a don of these on hand too.

Yours sincerely -
A. K. Hopping

July 31, 1917.

Mr. N. D. Pratt,
1131 Santiam Road,
Albany, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Pratt,

I am writing you this letter on behalf of the Board of Home Missions. We wish to express our appreciation of the stand the people of Grace Church, Albany, have taken in regard to building plans, and the future of the church, etc. We are grateful indeed that you have consented to give up your precious pastor, Dr. Diven, to missionary work of the interior Alaska. We feel that he is the one man available to "make good" there, and build up our church in this important place. The filling of the vacancy at Albany will be much easier than the supplying of a place like Nenana, Alaska. You may be sure that the Board of Home Missions will do its best for Grace Church.

Very cordially,

Alaska Office, Board of Home Missions.

July 31, 1917.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.
Coe College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Dr. Marquis,

We are all immensely relieved and pleased at the prospect which seems certain to us now of your accepting the General Secretaryship of the Board. I am especially glad to feel assured that the problems of the Board and of the fields are in a way to be solved, and especially the problem of our Alaska work.

We have just sent an experienced and capable man, Rev. Robert Joseph Diven, D.D. formerly at Sitka and later at Albany, Oregon, to Nenana on the Tanana River, the interior terminus of the great Government R.R. which is being built. It is a key position and will be a prosperous city, as we have always tried to be at the beginning of things. Dr. Condit, our General Missionary, is going in with Dr. Diven to settle him there, and intends making a tour of all the towns of interior Alaska and of the coast, coming back by way of Nome, Seward and Anchorage.

I understand from Dr. Dixon's office that you will be in New York the 10th of August. I begin my vacation of a month tomorrow, and shall be at our summer home at Fair Haven, N.J. one and a half hour from the office. I shall come in to see you, and would be very much delighted if you could come out to Fair Haven with me and spend two or three days with my daughter her children and myself at out seaside cottage. A dip or two in the salt water, and a few paddles in our canoe will do you good. Cannot you do this, and we will have plenty of time to discuss the Alaska situation?

With very warm regards, I am as ever,

Yours most cordially,

July 31, 1917.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,

Fairbanks, Alaska

My dear Mr. Marple,

Yours of July 10th is just here. I am always glad to hear from you and from Fairbanks.

I am very sorry that the Fairbanks "A.B. Camp" which was one of the most prosperous in Alaska, has come to the "sere and yellow leaf." I can't imagine those old-timers like Mr. Ray quitting like that. I hope they still keep up the organization; I am a life member of that Camp, and am warmly interested in it. Give my warm regards to Mr. Ray and any of the other old "A. B's."

Dr. Diven and Dr. Condit have by this time started to Nenana, or at least Dr. Diven is on his way to Juneau where Dr. Condit will join him. I suppose they will both go up to Fairbanks, and you will have a fine visit together. I am more rejoiced than I can tell you that this new mission is an accomplished fact.

The matter of the Ford car cannot be reached for some months yet, if then. However, I shall keep it in view and I think in time we can accomplish it. I suppose the trails to the creeks are good in the winter, perhaps especially so then, and also the trails to the coast.

Your suggestion concerning the landing of the car at Cordova and securing passengers from there, is a good one. Perhaps the car would better be landed at Valdez to which point the Government is completing a good automobile road to Fairbanks. But this plan must all lie by for awhile. We are going to have a very difficult task to pay the debt of the Board and make up the budget for the year.

I am glad to tell you that Dr. Marquis, while he has not publicly announced his acceptance, has assured the Board of his intention to do so, and

the contemplated reorganization of the Board the first of October is, we think, an assured fact. If it is done, I will undoubtedly be in full charge of the Alaska office and of Alaska's correspondence.

I wonder where you will take your vacation, or whether you will keep things running right along during the summer? I used to prefer my vacation while at Fairbanks in September or October when I could have some hunting. The mosquitos are tired by that time, and the camping is more pleasant.

With warm regards to Mrs. Marple, yourself, and to the Fairbanks friends,
I am,

Very cordially yours,

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Northfield Summer Conference,
August 6, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Young,

I heard your lecture at East Northfield Auditorium, with the beautiful pictures illustrating it. I enjoyed both very much.

I have always been interested in Alaska and certainly hope to go there some time. I am a public school teacher, working at the Conferences for the summer. I should like to

I am the daughter and grand-daughter of Ministers and have always been interested in Missionary work. I have also had several years experience as a teacher and am a graduate of Oneonta State Normal, N.Y.

I have a position for this coming year but if you could advise me about a position in Alaska for the following year I should be very much obliged to you. My address after August 18, will be, -

Port Washington, Long Island,
Thanking you for your trouble I am,
Very sincerely yours
Bertha W. Tolwell.

teach in the southern part of Alaska and do Missionary work at the same time. Perhaps some time I would let go of the teaching and go in for the Missionary work entirely. But I want to see how I get along with it before I give up the teaching.

Now for three years I have belonged to Agencies for teachers in the West and tried to get a position in the West or in Alaska. But they have been unable to secure any place for me. I wondered if you could advise me as to some way to get up there.

August 10, 1917.

Miss Bertha W. Tolwell,
Northfield Summer School,
Northfield, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Tolwell:

Yours of August sixth is at hand. I hasten to reply.

I have no direct way of introducing you to a position in Alaska, but if you will follow the directions I give you may be able to help yourself to such a position as you desire for next year. It would be too late now.

The schools of Alaska are divided into three classes:

First. The schools in organized cities. These pay good salaries and are supported by the local licenses and the territorial fund for schools. Address the Superintendent of Schools for Territory of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska. Tell him your qualifications and give references.

Second. The schools for the natives. These are under the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. Address Hon. P. P. Claxton, Bureau of Education, Washington. D. C. Ask him for the last school report of Alaska. Send qualifications, etc.

Third. We have an Indian Training School under the care of Professor Marshall C. Allaben, Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Mr. Allaben will gladly give you all the information you desire concerning this.

If you get any light from these men I shall be glad to introduce you to any of our missionaries where you may be located and give you what help I can towards making you comfortable and increasing your sphere of usefulness.

Very cordially yours,

August 10, 1917.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,

156 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

I wrote you a week or two ago but have not received a reply. Perhaps you did not receive my letter. I came into the office today hoping to see you.

Will you kindly drop me a line at Fairhaven, New Jersey, telling me whether it will be possible to have an interview within the next few days, or before you leave the vicinity of New York?

Could you not come down and spend at least a night with me, and, if possible, a day or two at our summer cottage by the sea at Fairhaven? It is only an hour and a half from New York on the Long Branch Road via either Pennsylvania or Central Railroad of New Jersey. You go to Red Bank and there take the trolley to Fairhaven - Battin Road - and walk down the Road a couple of blocks and there you are!

Both my daughter and I will be very glad indeed to have a visit from you, and if you are fond of bathing we will furnish you a bathing-suit and initiate you! Let me hear from you promptly, if possible.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Hall Young Jr.

